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# EAT

Pulled pork sandwich at Blackwood BBQ

## NOW OPEN

***Blackwood BBQ*** *962 W. Belmont Ave. 312-487-4807*
The fast-casual restaurant expands from the Loop to Lakeview with a larger menu featuring platters that let you try two or three smoked meats and new sides including chipotle potato salad. 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

## NEW BAR MENU

***Boka*** *1729 N. Halsted St. 312-337-6070*
Snack on sweet and savory dishes such as pumpkin beignets ($11), chicory salad ($11) and smoked sturgeon rillette ($10) while sipping a cocktail at the Lincoln Park restaurant's bar. 5 p.m. to close.

# DRINK

## COCKTAIL 101

***Beef & Barley***
*3001 N. Ashland Ave. 773-248-0990*
Learn how to prepare, mix and garnish cocktails at home using vodka, gin and rum from The 86 Co. Light bites and three drinks are included. 7-9 p.m. $30. Tickets: **beefandbarleychi.com**

## PBR BINGO NIGHT

***Boiler Room***
*2210 N. California Ave. 773-276-5625*
Compete to win PBR swag ranging from a T-shirt to a guitar at the Logan Square bar's monthly game night. Get in the spirit by ordering a 16-ounce PBR, a shot of Jameson and a slice of pizza for $8.50. 9 p.m. No cover.
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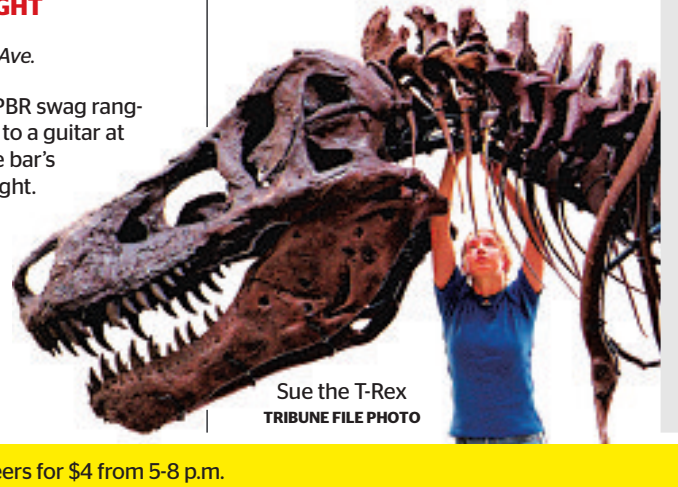
# DO

## FREE FEBRUARY

***The Field Museum*** *1400 S. Lake Shore Drive 312-922-9410*
Illinois residents get free basic admission all month long, and you can pay $20 to get access to all of the museum's special exhibits including "The Greeks: Agamemnon to Alexander the Great" and "Cyrus Tang Hall of China." 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



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## 3-DAY FORECAST

**MONDAY**
42 32
Some sun

**TUESDAY**
43 33
Warm up

**WEDNESDAY**
41 24
Flurries?

***HAPPY HOUR OF THE DAY*** 5411 Empanadas (2045 W. North Ave. 773-276-8344) offers select craft beers for $4 from 5-8 p.m.

# Save the date

**Eat, Drink, Do's weekly look at a month's worth of sports, tunes, foodie and boozy fun and more**

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| 31 | 1 february<br>Head back to **Page 2** for today's Eat, Drink, Do events. | 2<br>**SECRETS, LIES & ALIBIS AT ELBO ROOM**<br>*2871 N. Lincoln Ave.*<br>*773-549-5549*<br>The monthly show combines stand-up, sketch and musical comedy. Themed cocktails are $5. 8:30 p.m., doors open at 8 p.m. $5 suggested donation. | 3<br> <br> | 4<br>**COLOR & CREATE AT PI GALLERY BAR**<br>*738 N. Clark St.*<br>*312-285-2712*<br>Color in a Groundhog Day-themed picture while drinking a complimentary PBR. The most creative piece wins PBR swag. 8-11 p.m. No cover. | 5 | 6 |
| 7<br>**SUPER BOWL TAILGATE AT BAR TOMA**<br>*110 E. Pearson St.*<br>*312-266-3110*<br>Watch the game on 22 TVs while grazing on wings, pasta and pizza. Stay until the final play for the chance to win Cubs opening day tickets. 5 p.m. $30. | 8<br> | 9<br>**CATEY SHAW AT BEAT KITCHEN**<br>*2100 W. Belmont Ave.*<br>*773-281-4444*<br>The 24-year-old "Brooklyn Girls" singer is joined by Mark Rose. 9 p.m., doors open at 8 p.m. $10. Tickets: **beatkitchen.com** | 10 | 11<br>**GRAND RE-OPENING PARTY AT MR. & MRS. DIGZ**<br>*1770 W. Berteau Ave.*<br>*773-447-8527*<br>The boutique celebrates its move from Andersonville to Ravenswood with drinks, appetizers, a DJ and a raffle. 5-8 p.m. Free. | 12<br> | 13<br>**MY BLOODY CLLAW-ENTINE AT LOGAN SQUARE AUDITORIUM**<br>*2539 N. Kedzie Ave.*<br>*773-809-4782*<br>Bet on your favorite costumed wrestlers and bribe the referees at the benefit for Sideshow Theatre Company, which also features live music from She's Crafty and a raffle. 9:30 p.m. $10-$15. Tickets: **cllaw.org** |
| 14<br>**VALENTINE'S CHOCOLATE AND WINE PAIRING AT KATHERINE ANNE CONFECTIONS**<br>*2745 W. Armitage Ave.*<br>*773-245-1630*<br>Try eight varietals from Candid Wines each paired with two sweets, plus cheese and charcuterie from Table, Donkey and Stick. 5:30-7 p.m. $65. Tickets: **katherine-anne.com** | 15<br> | 16 | 17<br>**WASTED PAGES READING AT CHICAGO PUBLISHERS RESOURCE CENTER**<br>*858 N. Ashland Ave.*<br>Hear works from the nonprofit's writing workshops and learn how you can get involved in upcoming programs at this BYOB show. 7 p.m. $5. | 18 | 19<br> <br>REDEYE FILE | 20<br>**VINTAGE BEER FEST AT DELILAH'S**<br>*2771 N. Lincoln Ave.*<br>*773-472-2771*<br>Sample more than 100 beers from over 50 breweries including Three Floyds, Pipeworks and Goose Island at the 18th annual fest. Noon-5 p.m. $20. |
| 21<br>**ENOVERSITY: BUBBLES OF THE WORLD AT ENO WINE ROOM**<br>*505 N. Michigan Ave.*<br>*312-321-8738*<br>Learn about sparkling wine varieties besides champagne and snack on cheese and charcuterie. 6 p.m. $55. Tickets: **brownpapertickets.com** | 22 | 23<br>**CINEMA SCIENCE AT MUSIC BOX THEATRE**<br>*3733 N. Southport Ave.*<br>*773-871-6607*<br>Watch Steve Martin's bird-watching comedy, "The Big Year," and learn about the film's scientific themes from a Field Museum representative. 7 p.m. $10. Tickets: **musicboxtheatre.com** | 24<br> | 25 | 26<br> | 27<br>**CIDER SUMMIT CHICAGO AT NAVY PIER**<br>*600 E. Grand Ave.*<br>*312-595-7437*<br>Try more than 140 ciders along with food pairings and cider cocktails at the fourth annual event. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. $35-$40. Tickets: **cidersummitnw.com** |

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Artem Anisimov of the Blackhawks looks on during a game against the Florida Panthers. GETTY IMAGES

# PLAYOFF COUNTDOWN

## 10 SECOND-HALF DATES BLACKHAWKS FANS SHOULD CIRCLE

**By Alex Quigley** | FOR REDEYE

All decade, casual Blackhawks fans have had the luxury of waiting until the All-Star break to pay attention to hockey, knowing the Hawks' real season doesn't start until the playoffs.

This spring is no exception, as the defending champs are atop the Western Conference and virtually assured to be skating in the Stanley Cup playoffs. We've circled the important dates remaining on the regular-season slate so you can ramp up your fandom accordingly.

### FEB. 4 AT ARIZONA

Jonathan Toews got a one-game suspension for missing the All-Star Game, even though he was legitimately sick. He'll return with a blaze of serious vengeance against the Coyotes, scoring three goals and dropping a doctor's note on Arizona's poor goalie.

### FEB. 6 AND 11, AT AND VS. DALLAS

Two games in less than a week versus the Stars, the new home of Patrick Sharp, Johnny Oduya and Antti Niemi. The Stars and Hawks will trade spots atop the Central Division all spring; these four points will probably represent their separation at season's end. Don't wear your green Hawks jersey. Also, why do you have a green Hawks jersey?

### FEB. 21 AT MINNESOTA

No team has played more outdoor NHL games than the Hawks. Their fourth roofless game will be in Minnesota at TCF Bank Stadium, where the Vikings and Golden Gophers play football. It's possible that a longer-distance goal will be scored than the 27-yard missed field goal by Blair Walsh that honked the Vikes' upset bid over Seattle last month.

### FEB. 28 VS. WASHINGTON

Sunday brunch hockey! An 11:30 a.m. tilt against the Capitals will be billed as a throwdown between the best teams in the league, even though smart fans know the Caps have been getting fat on weaker Eastern Conference foes. Alex Ovechkin gets the marquee, but goalie Braden Holtby's been the MVP of the Capitals. Either he or our own Corey Crawford will win this year's Vezina Trophy, awarded to the best goalie in the NHL.

### MARCH 6 VS. DETROIT

The Red Wings make their annual visit to the UC. Some drunk guy will try to start a "Dee. Troyt. Sucks!" chant, but the hate just won't feel genuine anymore.

### MARCH 26 AT CALGARY

The only 9 p.m. start time left on the schedule sees the Hawks in Calgary on a Saturday night. These are the best nights to be on Hockey Twitter. Discover the mystery and wonder of Pizza 73!

### APRIL 1 AT WINNIPEG

No fooling: By this time, Patrick Kane should have the league scoring title clinched. And he'll win the Hart Trophy as the league's most valuable player.

### APRIL 7 VS. ST. LOUIS

The next-to-last regular season game, and it's the hated Blues. If playoff seeds are locked up, don't be shocked to see Hawks stars resting to avoid cheap shots and potential injury from the mouth-breathing Blues. If seeds aren't locked up, don't be shocked to see the Blues throwing cheap shots and trying to injure star Blackhawks. What I'm saying here is the Blues are effing awful.

### APRIL 13

Playoff hockey begins. Ah, that magical feeling of **#BarfCryAndDie**.

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THE DIGIT

## 24 HOURS, 46 MINUTES, 56 SECONDS

Chicago resident **Daniel Cartica** broke a record Saturday by completing seven marathons on seven continents in seven days in 24 hours, 46 minutes, 56 seconds—an average of 3:32:25 per race. The 27-year-old beat out 14 other competitors.

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THE MOUTHWATCH

## "NO. NO, NO. NO, NO. NOT AT ALL."

—**Patrick Kane**, on whether he's thought about scoring 50 goals in a season for the first time in his career; he has 30 with 29 games remaining.

### NHL still investigating Kane

On Nov. 5, when no charges were filed against Patrick Kane at the conclusion of a sexual assault investigation, NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said the league would conduct its own review of the case. On Friday, Daly said the league's investigation still is "ongoing." Daly did not elaborate. When asked what the league still could be investigating, considering there were no charges against Kane in the case, Daly said: "We have to satisfy ourselves with the facts."

ERIN HOOLEY/TRIBUNE FILE

### Late February, maybe?

Veteran guard **Mike Dunleavy**, who has been out of the Bulls' lineup all season while recovering from back surgery, might be back on the court soon. "I'm pain free. I'm feeling good, moving well," he said, though he stopped short of setting a target date for his return.

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Idris Elba accepts the award for Best Male Actor in a Supporting Role for 'Beasts of No Nation.' AP PHOTO

# TAKE THAT, OSCARS

## DIVERSITY THE BIG WINNER AT 2016 SCREEN ACTORS GUILD AWARDS

**By Glenn Whipp** | LOS ANGELES TIMES

Members of the Screen Actors Guild proved far more inclusive than their film academy counterparts Saturday, honoring a diverse array of actors during their annual awards show at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles—and making a pointed contrast to **#OscarsSoWhite**.

Most of the awards being accepted by people of color were for television performances, with one prominent exception: Idris Elba, who won the supporting actor prize for his role in the Netflix film "Beasts of No Nation."

Elba's failure to secure an Oscar nomination helped fuel this year's continued backlash against the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which for the second year in a row did not nominate any people of color for its 20 acting nominations.

The SAG Awards are determined by the 116,741 SAG-AFTRA members. Balloting was open amid the Oscars diversity controversy, closing on Friday.

Elba, who later in the evening won a second award for his turn on BBC America's TV crime drama "Luther," summed up the tone of the evening onstage with this play on words: "Welcome to diverse TV."

"Look at this stage," said "Orange Is the New Black" star Laura Prepon, motioning to the show's diverse cast while accepting the TV comedy series award. "This is what we talk about when we talk about diversity. Different race, color, creed, sexual orientation."

In addition to Elba, other winners included Queen Latifah for playing blues singer Bessie Smith in HBO's "Bessie," Viola Davis for her lead turn on ABC's "How to Get Away With Murder" and "Orange Is the New Black" actress Uzo Aduba.

"And they won because their performances were effective," Davis told The L.A. Times backstage. "They won because the actors have craft, they have a level of excellence that reaches people—and we're actors too. We're artists, too, we deserve to be a part of it, and I think you saw that tonight."

"You know what it feels like?" Aduba added. "It's amazing to see actors have the opportunity to celebrate other actors' work and to feel empowered by the voting process so they can see whatever actor they want reflected up there. And I'm honored to have been chosen by my peers."

From the outset, the show made a point of presenting the diversity of its membership and nominees. The ceremony opened with several actors—Rami Malek, Queen Latifah, Jeffrey Tambor, Anna Chlumsky, Kunal Nayyar—talking about what it means to be in their profession.

SAG Awards Committee Chair Jo-Beth Williams said the actor-focused awards show has "worked very hard to reflect the real world." She noted its roster of presenters and nominees as proof of that.

"This is what happens when you have the SAG group—a group of very diverse people who understand the work that we all put in and that we all deserve the same opportunities," Queen Latifah told The L.A. Times backstage. "That's about it. I feel very positive about this day."

The SAG Awards have proved over the years to be a reliable indicator of the outcomes of the Oscar acting races. In the past three years, all four of the SAG Awards acting winners have gone on to win the Oscar.

With Elba's snub at the Oscars, there will be at least one different winner this year.

### Film awards

**Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture**
"Spotlight"

**Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Leading Role**
Leonardo DiCaprio, "The Revenant"

**Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Leading Role**
Brie Larson, "Room"

**Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Supporting Role**
Idris Elba, "Beasts of No Nation"

**Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role**
Alicia Vikander, "The Danish Girl"

**Outstanding Performance by a Stunt Ensemble**
"Mad Max: Fury Road"

### Television awards

**Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series**
"Downton Abbey"

**Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Comedy Series**
"Orange Is the New Black"

**Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Drama Series**
Kevin Spacey, "House of Cards"

**Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Drama Series**
Viola Davis, "How to Get Away with Murder"

**Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Comedy Series**
Jeffrey Tambor, "Transparent"

**Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Comedy Series**
Uzo Aduba, "Orange Is the New Black"

**Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Television Movie or Miniseries**
Idris Elba, "Luther"

**Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Television Movie or Miniseries**
Queen Latifah, "Bessie"

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1 Trudges
6 Bogus; counterfeit
10 Likelihood
14 Short metal bolt
15 In this place
16 Fishing worm, for example
17 Foe
18 Had bills
19 Confident
20 Risky
22 Get even for
24 Use a sieve
25 Used dynamite
26 Loathe
29 Desert refuge
30 "_ Maria"
31 Pays attention to
33 _ the way; pioneers
37 Egghead
39 Low point
41 Faucet problem
42 Actor Ed _
44 Autry & Wilder
46 _ culpa; guilty person's words
47 Lighter in complexion
49 Lions and tigers and bears, e.g.
51 More frightening
54 "_ is not to reason why..."
55 Summoning with a beeper
56 Rock-throwing weapon of yore
60 Rice or Duke: abbr.
61 _-friendly; easy to operate
63 Actress Laurie
64 Evans or Robertson
65 Created
66 Jagged
67 Toboggan
68 Watched
69 Sight or smell, for example

## DOWN

1 Get ready, for short
2 Out of _; misbehaving
3 _ the hill; no longer young
4 Death
5 Fashionable
6 Yell
7 Chops down
8 "Roses _ red, violets..."
9 Military awards
10 _ with; too focused on
11 Dishearten
12 Funeral song
13 Knight's horse
21 Frequently
23 Colorado resort
25 Sink
26 Comic Carvey
27 12/24 & 12/31
28 Gull's cousin
29 More peculiar
32 Rarin' to go
34 Weapons
35 Count calories
36 Jacuzzis
38 _ of; lacking
40 Counter an argument
43 Weather word
45 Colorful shawls
48 Pea or bean
50 Be ambitious
51 Taters
52 Man-made waterway
53 Nimble
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56 Relinquish
57 Come _; find
58 Not as much
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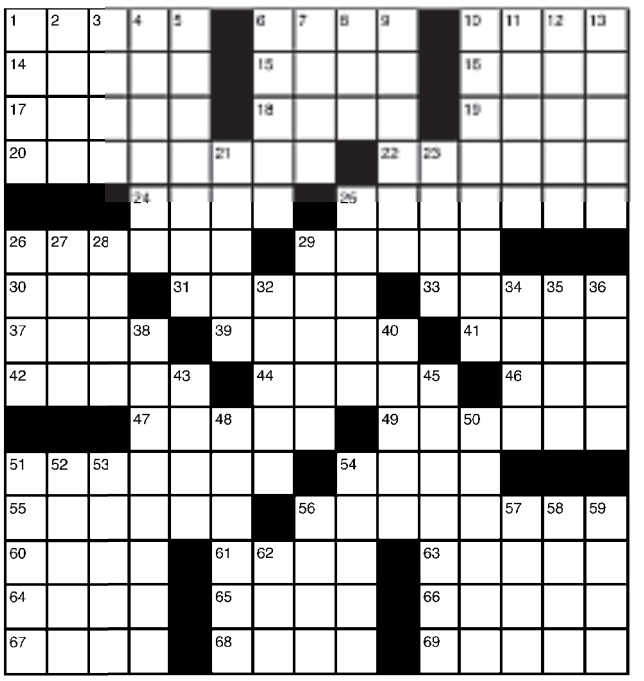

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**Aquarius** *Jan. 20-Feb. 18*
You might try very hard to keep your love life under wraps this week, but it'll be difficult to keep anything between you and your sweetheart discreet. Do what you can to make peace with the fact that your love life will be on fire—but that everyone will be a witness to this passion. Go with the flow.

**Pisces** *Feb. 19-March 20*
Your sex appeal will come in handy this week in more ways than one. If you're working on any type of media presentation, your allure will help you captivate your audience and sell just about anything. Sure, "sex sells," but you're not exactly after that type of success. Fortunately, you'll be able to hold your own and come across as magnetic, but also as someone with substance. You'll have charisma, sex appeal and quality. Work it!

**Aries** *March 21-April 19*
If you and your boss or another VIP connected to your career are considering a romantic entanglement, beware—you're playing with fire! Of course, you might be up for this level of excitement no matter what the risks. There will certainly be a significant level of chemistry between the two of you, but at the same time, there will be no shortage of complications. Are you sure you really want to go there?

**Taurus** *April 20-May 20*
The heat between you and your mate will be off the charts this week! If the two of you happen to be traveling on a romantic overseas getaway, you'll have the time of your lives together. There will be so much passion on this vacation that the two of you might never want to return to reality. Or, you and your lover might deepen your spiritual connection through your physical relationship.

**Gemini** *May 21-June 20*
An office romance will be anything but boring this week. You and a co-worker might decide it's just fine to fool around on the job. While this might lead to plenty of excitement, there's also a chance that one of your pals will catch you in a compromising position. Remember that even if you found the love of your life at work, it's still not a good idea to mix business with pleasure during office hours.

**Cancer** *June 21-July 22*
Love and passion go hand-in-hand this week. If you're in a long-term relationship, there is no possible way that you and your mate will feel that the romance has gone stale. If you're single, expect plenty of opportunity for a romantic—and even a sexual—encounter. Even if you're not a one-night stand or sudden affair type, there might be someone out there you find impossible to resist.

**Leo** *July 23-Aug. 22*
You and your sweetheart might feel that the fires of passion burn brightest this week right at home. The two of you might decide that it's time to nest more and socialize less. There might be an opportunity for the two of you to reconnect in the comfort of your home, and if so, you won't want to waste it. Or, you might be working with your love on a home renovation project. Get busy!

**Virgo** *Aug. 23-Sept. 22*
Plan to make the most of a cosmic lineup that has you in the most enviable position possible for matters of the heart. You'll likely feel so deeply connected with your lover that you'll find it difficult to focus on much else this week except for him or her. Sexy conversations will lead to something wonderful. Enjoy every drop of desire your partner showers you with!

**Libra** *Sept. 23-Oct. 22*
If a relative feels that you've become overly attached to someone you're dating—in an unhealthy way—he or she might speak up. While you might not want to hear this, it might be a good idea to examine whether there may be a kernel of truth to what has been observed. Someone special might have taken your breath away ... but that doesn't mean your identity has to go as well.

**Scorpio** *Oct. 23-Nov. 21*
You'll be off-the-charts sexy this week! In fact, it appears that the object of your desire will find it impossible to resist your charms. Not only will you be physically desirable to someone special, you'll also have a gift of gab and charm to match your sexy vibe. A passionate conversation on Friday will lead to unexpected but delicious plans this weekend.

**Sagittarius** *Nov. 22-Dec. 21*
If you have a secret sexual fantasy that you've been obsessing over, this week it might be time to let it out. The good news is that your lover will be up for more experimentation and will not make you feel insecure or strange if you share your deepest desires with him or her. In fact, your lover will have a twist of his or her own to share with you. Be ready for anything and enjoy the bedroom sparks!

**Capricorn** *Dec. 22-Jan. 19*
You'll have an extra layer of sexy to reveal to the world this week, so don't waste it! On Friday, Venus will embrace Pluto, intensifying all of the Venusian blessings you can enjoy. Someone might even let you know that he or she has a bit of a fated attraction for you, and if so, you'll be game to explore it. Play nice! Or naughty. You're the boss.

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## CAUCUSES VS. PRIMARIES? VOTER REGISTRATION? WELCOME TO PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 101

**By Leonor Vivanco and Rianne Coale** | REDEYE

IF January is the time we think about getting fit, then February—the official start of the U.S. presidential election season—should be a time to contemplate flexing our political muscles.

The Iowa caucuses get underway Monday, and voters in New Hampshire will hold the first primary election of the season on Feb. 9. The Illinois primary is March 15.

We realize not everyone exercises their right to vote: During the 2012 presidential primary election, designed to whittle down the field of candidates for the November general election, just 18.5 percent of Chicago's roughly 1.7 million eligible voters bothered to cast a ballot. Far more turned out for the general election: 60.5 percent.

Whether you're a newbie prepping for your first vote or a veteran at the ballot box, our simple guide will help you navigate anything from registering to vote to the best websites to study up on the candidates. @LVIVANCO | LVIVANCO@REDEYECHICAGO.COM, @RIANNECOALE | RCOALE@REDEYECHICAGO.COM

**1. What's the difference between a caucus and a primary?**
Held in roughly a dozen states, caucuses can best be described as groups of neighbors—belonging to the same political party—gathering in churches and school classrooms to vote, publicly and often by simply raising their hands, on their favorite candidate.

In presidential primaries, voters head to the polls, grab a ballot for their political party of choice and select their favorite candidate in private.

Voting results from the caucuses and primaries play a key role in whittling down the field of candidates, which happens at the party conventions. More on that later.

**2. Am I eligible to vote?**
You are if you're at least 17 by the March primary (18 by the November general election), a U.S. citizen and living in your polling precinct for at least 30 days before the election.

Feb. 16 is the deadline to register to vote by mail or online for the Illinois primary. After that, you can register to vote and cast your ballot during the same visit at select sites in Chicago until the March 15 primary. Check **chicagoelections.com** for more details.

You can register to vote on Election Day, but it can only be done at the polling place assigned to your home address. Make sure to bring two forms of identification, one of which shows your current address. Check **chicagoelections.com** to find out where your polling place is located.

Pro tip: Once you're registered to vote for the primary elections, it should be hassle-free to vote in November's general election.

**3. How does a candidate win the presidency?**
Of course political experience, name recognition, endorsements and a big campaign war chest of money to spend on ads help.

But there is a process: The primary elections and caucuses determine the selection of delegates to represent their state at the national party conventions, where they vote for a particular candidate. The candidate who wins a majority of delegates becomes the party's official presidential nominee on the November general election ballot.

The presidential ticket that wins the most votes in the November election in each state generally gets all the electoral votes for the state, a number based on representation in Congress. The public doesn't directly elect the president; intermediaries known as "electors" do. The candidate who wins at least 270 of the 538 votes in the Electoral College becomes the next president.

**4. I need help doing my pre-voting homework on the candidates.**
On issues including whether the federal minimum wage should be increased, whether recreational marijuana should be legalized and whether the Black Lives Matter movement is good for America, **ProCon.org** shows not only where the candidates stand but also whether they've flip-flopped.

**FactCheck.org** debunks statements from debates and speeches made by candidates, and so does **PolitiFact.com,** which rates their accuracy on a truth-o-meter as true, false or even "pants on fire" for the most ridiculous claims.

To keep track of who bowed out and who is still in it to win it, a debate schedule and key election dates, check out **Ballotpedia.org**.

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